

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel Claims 150 to 158 without prejudice or disclaimer of subject matter, and amend Claims 138, 142 and 146 as shown below. The claims, as pending in the subject application, now read as follows:

1. to 137. (Canceled)

138. (Currently amended) An output control apparatus communicating with an information processing apparatus via a network and controlling a printer, the output control apparatus comprising:

print counting means for counting a print count value indicating a number of prints in response to delivery of a print sheet printed by the printer;

first trouble counting means for counting a first trouble count value indicating a number of print troubles of the printer;

~~determination means for determining whether or not the print count value counted by said print counting means reaches a predetermined value;~~

~~second trouble counting means for specifying means for, if said determination means determines that the print count value counted by said print counting a second means reaches the predetermined value, specifying the trouble count value indicating a number of print troubles which occur counted by said trouble counting means until the print count value counted by said print counting means reaches a [[the]] predetermined value;~~

~~determination means for determining whether or not the print count value counted by said print counting means reaches the predetermined value;~~

transmission control means for controlling transmission of trouble data including the second trouble count value counted by said second trouble counting ~~specified by said specifying~~ means to the information processing apparatus via the network, without receiving a request for outputting the second ~~specified~~ trouble count value from the information processing apparatus, if said determination means determines that the print count value counted by said print counting means reaches the predetermined value; and

initialization means for, if said determination means determines that the print count value counted by said print counting means reaches the predetermined value, initializing the second trouble count value counted by said second trouble counting means, without accepting a manual operation by the user,

wherein said second trouble counting ~~transmission control means and said initialization~~ means repeatedly counts the number of print troubles which occur for the number of prints of perform transmission control and initialization, respectively, whenever said ~~determination means determines that the print count value counted by said print counting means reaches the predetermined value.~~

139. (Previously presented) An output control apparatus according to claim 138, wherein the print count value reaches the predetermined value.

140. (Previously presented) An output control apparatus according to Claim 138, wherein said transmission control means controls transmission of the trouble data and information unique to said output control apparatus at the same time.

141. (Previously presented) An output control apparatus according to Claim 138, wherein said output control apparatus is a digital copier.

142. (Currently amended) A method of communicating by an output control apparatus with an information processing apparatus via a network and controlling a printer, the method of communicating comprising:

a print counting step of counting a print count value indicating a number of prints in response to delivery of a print sheet printed by the printer;

a first trouble counting step of counting a first trouble count value indicating a number of print troubles of the printer;

~~a determination step of determining whether or not the print count value counted in said print counting step reaches a predetermined value;~~

~~a second trouble counting step of counting a second specifying step of, in the case of determination that the print count value counted in said print counting step reaches the predetermined value, specifying the trouble count value indicating a number of print troubles which occur counted in said trouble counting step until the print count value counted in said print counting step reaches a [[the]] predetermined value;~~

~~a determining step of determining whether or not the print count value counted in said print counting step reaches the predetermined value;~~

a transmission control step of controlling transmission of trouble data including the second trouble count value counted in said second trouble counting specified in said specifying step to the information processing apparatus via the network, without receiving a request for outputting the second specified trouble count value from the information processing

apparatus, if it is determined in said determination step that the print count value counted in said print counting step reaches the predetermined value; and

an initialization step of, if in said determination step it is determined that the print count value counted in said print counting step reaches the predetermined value, initializing the second trouble count value counted in said second trouble counting step, without accepting a manual operation by the user,

wherein said second trouble counting step ~~transmission control step and said initialization step~~ are repeatedly counts the number of print troubles which occur for the number of prints of ~~performed whenever it is determined in said determination step that the print count value counted in said print counting means reaches the predetermined value.~~

143. (Previously presented) A method according to claim 142, wherein said initialization step initializes the print count value and the trouble count value if the print count value reaches the predetermined value.

144. (Previously presented) A method according to Claim 142, wherein said transmission control step controls transmission of the trouble data and information unique to the output control apparatus at the same time.

145. (Previously presented) A method according to Claim 142, wherein the output control apparatus is a digital copier.

146. (Currently amended) A memory medium, storing computer-executable code for a method of communicating by an output control apparatus with an information processing apparatus via a network and controlling a printer, the method of communicating comprising:

a print counting step of counting a print count value indicating a number of prints in response to delivery of a print sheet printed by the printer;

a first trouble counting step of counting a first trouble count value indicating a number of print troubles of the printer;

~~a determination step of determining whether or not the print count value counted in said print counting step reaches a predetermined value;~~

~~a second trouble counting step of counting a second specifying step of, in the case of determination that the print count value counted in said print counting step reaches the predetermined value, specifying the trouble count value indicating a number of print troubles which occur counted in said trouble counting step until the print count value counted in said print counting step reaches the predetermined value;~~

~~a determining step of determining whether or not the print count value counted in said print counting step reaches the predetermined value;~~

a transmission control step of controlling transmission of trouble data including the second trouble count value counted in said second trouble counting ~~specified in said specifying step~~ to the information processing apparatus via the network, without receiving a request for outputting the second ~~specified~~ trouble count value from the information processing apparatus, if it is determined in said determination step that the print count value counted in said print counting step reaches the predetermined value; and

an initialization step of, if it is determined in said determination step that the print count value counted in said print counting step reaches the predetermined value, initializing the second trouble count value counted in said second trouble counting step, ~~without accepting a manual operation by the user;~~

wherein said second trouble counting step ~~transmission control step and said initialization step~~ are repeatedly counts the number of print troubles which occur for the number of prints of ~~performed whenever said determination step determines that the print count value counted in said print counting step reaches the predetermined value.~~

147. (Previously presented) A memory medium according to claim 146, wherein said initialization step initializes the print count value and the trouble count value if the print count value reaches the predetermined value.

148. (Previously presented) A memory medium according to Claim 146, wherein said transmission control step controls transmission of the trouble data and information unique to the output control apparatus at the same time.

149. (Previously presented) A memory medium according to Claim 146, wherein the output control apparatus is a digital copier.

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